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For: Braking Force Amplifier With Dual Amplification
Ratios For Motor Vehicles

PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


Dear Sir:

Applicant requests the Commissioner accept the following Preliminary Amendment
in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-14, without prejudice. Please add claims 15-28 as follows.

CLAIMS

1.  15. Braking force amplifier with dual amplification ratios comprising:
a piston operated by a pressure differential between a front chamber and a
back chamber;
a plunger mounted to be axially displaceable in said piston between positions
controlling the evolution of said pressure differential by switching means,
said plunger operably attached to a brake pedal;
a thrust assembly comprising a reaction rod operably connected to a master-cylinder
of corresponding brakes and mounted to be axially displaceable under control of the plunger